

**SPRAY-DRIED COMPOSITIONS
AND METHOD FOR THEIR PREPARATION**

Abstract

5 The invention relates to a spray-dried composition comprising an active
ingredient dispersed in a carrier comprising a combination of a wall-forming
carbohydrate material with from 1 to 30% by weight of agar agar relative to the dried
weight of the composition. The composition of the invention provides advantageous
behavior in an aqueous environment wherein the mobility of the active agent is
10 restricted in the gelled carrier, thus preventing the release of the agent unless shear or
heat are applied. Another feature of the invention is a process for the preparation of the
spray-dried composition.